



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOJIMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2613

Application No.: 09/423,461

Examiner: S. An

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Docket No.: 104651

For: OPTICAL FIBER FUSION-SPLICER (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 2, 2005, Office Action, and the November 14, 2005, Advisory Action, the shortened statutory period for response being effectively extended to January 3, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.